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The Honorable Joseph P. Addabbo  
Chairman, Subcommittee on Defense  
Committee on Appropriations  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I deeply appreciate the support you and your colleagues on the Committee have given CIA and the Intelligence Community over the years. And I want to thank you for the recent opportunity to personally explain the reasons why I feel it necessary to acknowledge the unique duties, responsibilities, and hazards of CIA employees

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It is testimony to the patriotism and dedication of our people that the contribution they make to the country's security has taken precedence



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I realize that questions have been raised about whether we in CIA were now "ratcheting" up the pay scale. This is not our intent, and our interim

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I trust and hope that the Committee, which has been most helpful in the process of rebuilding American intelligence, will understand our reasons for proceeding with steps to meet a pressing need. I would emphasize that

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making whatever adjustments are necessary to provide proper compensation to those in the difficult intelligence profession. (S)

Once again, in this matter as in others, I want to thank the Committee for its constructive support. (U)

Sincerely,

/s/ William J. Casey

William J. Casey  
Director of Central Intelligence

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